GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Hockey Promotion
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being implemented by the Union Government to promote hockey;

(b) the names of places in the country where hockey stadium is located, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up new Hockey stadiums in ensuing year, if so, details thereof the location-wise; and

(d) whether hockey is popular in Mahuadanar block of Latehar district in Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government to promote hockey at that place?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a)&(b): Madam, promotion and development of various disciplines of sports is primarily the responsibility of the States and of the concerned National Sport Federations (NSFs) which are bodies, registered under Societies Registration Act/Companies Act. Hockey India is the recognized NSF for Hockey. Government supplements the efforts of NSFs by providing financial assistance to NSFs under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs for various activities such as holding coaching camps for national-level sportspersons, national championships for sub-junior, junior and senior categories, organizing international tournaments in India, training and participation of sportspersons/teams in international tournaments abroad, procurement of equipment and consumables, engagement of foreign coaches/experts to train Indian sportspersons at national level etc. as per agreed Long Term Development Plans.

Government of India recognizes the importance of the sport of hockey in India, its popularity among the masses and medal prospects of India in various international events etc. Keeping these facts in view, the Ministry has placed the sport of hockey in the 'High Priority' category so that it gets maximum admissible amount of assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to the NSFs.

Further, identification and nurturing of the identified talent from various sport disciplines, including hockey, is done under the following schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI):
(a)National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme
(b)Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme
(c)SAI training Centre (STC) Scheme
(d)Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
(e)Centre of Excellence (CoE) Scheme
Under these schemes, scientific training is imparted to selected trainees under expert coaches. The trainees are also provided assistance for boarding, lodging, equipment, sports kit, stipend, competition exposure, etc.

Under Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) of the Ministry, assistance is provided to State Governments and other entities for laying of artificial hockey turf. The state-wise list of synthetic hockey turfs, as furnished by Hockey India, is given in the annexure.

(c) No, Madam.

(d)&(e): Hockey is popular in the tribal belts of Khunti, Gumla, and Ranchi in the state of Jharkhand. SAI selects talented hockey players from Jharkhand state and train them in its SAG Centre at Ranchi.

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